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## HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF POLICE OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

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### **Elderly woman reports sexual assault**

Howard County police are investigating a report from an elderly woman that she was sexually assaulted by an unknown man in Columbia June 15. Despite the victim's best efforts since the incident, she has not been able to provide detectives with specific details about the suspect or his vehicle.

The 86-year-old victim has described the suspect as possibly a black male in his 40s, driving a dark convertible sedan with light interior, possibly tan or beige.

The woman, who will not be identified, told police she was waiting at a bus stop in the 7000 block of Cradlerock Way around 2:45 p.m. when an unknown man drove up and offered her a ride. The woman reported she got into the car and began directing the man where to drive when he turned into an empty business complex parking lot in the 10600 block of Little Patuxent Parkway.

The woman reported that the suspect parked, pulled her from the car and sexually assaulted her in nearby woods.

The victim advised that after the assault, the suspect fled and she walked to a nearby gas station where a customer called 911. She was transported to Howard County General Hospital, where she received treatment for her injuries and was released.

The investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information is asked to call police at 410-313-STOP.

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